Module manual M.A. International Political and Social Science Research

In this degree program, 1 CP = 30 hours.

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**Tool-Kit for Research** Tool-Kit for Research
Module responsibility	Antje Röder and Eva Wegner
Credit points	**12 CP**
Level	**Basis**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	One semester
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **annually in winter semester** Ideal typical assignment: **1. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research M.A. Applied Methods of Social Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module, students will be able to compare which methodological approaches and research designs are suitable for which political and social science questions; to determine which survey and evaluation procedures are useful depending on these methodological approaches; to methodologically evaluate existing literature.
Content (topic and contents)	Research designs to respond to various political and social science questions. This includes quantitative methods, including their mathematical and theoretical scientific foundations, with a special focus on analyses of social and political change, for example, as well as on international and intercultural comparisons. Likewise, different qualitative research designs and advanced methods are introduced for how to collect data (e.g., interviews, focus groups, ethnography) and to analyze these data (e.g., qualitative content analysis or discourse analysis).
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS) & Seminar (2 SWS)

Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	Compulsory attendance **Coursework:** a) Portfolio of exercises and b) Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Module examination:** (E-)exam (60-120 min.) Ungraded module
Grading	This module is not graded
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 120 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 120 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 120 hours

Module name	
Englische Übersetzung	**Methods I**
ggf. Modulkürzel	Methods I
Module responsibility	Isabelle Borucki
Credit points	**6 CP**
Level	**Basis**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements of obligation	None
Duration of the module	One semester
Frequency of the module; start	frequency: **annually in winter semester (also possible in summer semester)** Ideal typical assignment: **1. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research M.A. Applied Methods of Social Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module, students will be able to independently implement a selection of advanced data collection and evaluation methods. These include methods of multivariate analysis of quantitative data, including their mathematical and scientific theoretical foundations, as well as advanced methods for collecting and analyzing qualitative data.
Content (topic and contents)	The seminars in this module address in-depth survey and evaluation procedures to optimize recruitment, item scaling and the reliability of measurements, as well as the adaptation of evaluation strategies. This includes multivariate methods, multilevel analyses and dynamic temporal analyses supported by the underlying mathematical concepts. In addition, students are introduced to qualitative methods from content and discourse analysis to understand and apply the foundations of scientific theory. After completing the module, students will be able to independently implement advanced survey and evaluation procedures for both quantitative and qualitative data.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS)
Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-

	oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Module examination:** a) Term paper (36,000-39,600 characters / − 20-22 pages) − or b) Learning portfolio (36,000-39,600 characters / − 20-22 pages) − or c) Individual oral examination (15 min.)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 60 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 60 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 60 hours

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**Methods II** Methods II
Module responsibility	Isabelle Borucki
Credit points	**6 CP**
Level	**Basis**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	One semester
Frequency of the module; start	frequency: **annually in summer semester (also possible in winter semester)** Ideal typical assignment: **2. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research M.A. Applied Methods of Social Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module, students will be able to carry out advanced data analyses independently. For example, they can apply, implement and interpret machine learning, methods from computational social sciences and other related approaches such as social network analysis, inferential statistics and extensive mixed methods designs.
Content (topic and contents)	The main content of the module includes introductions to machine learning (such as text mining), working with generative AI, the foundations of network analysis and inferential statistics to provide students with a broad methodological education enabling them not only to implement empirical studies themselves but also to assess others' results.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS)
Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** Presentation (individual or group presentation)

	Module examination: a) Term paper (36,000-39,600 characters / − 20-22 pages) − or b) Learning portfolio (36,000-39,600 characters / − 20-22 pages) − or c) Individual oral examination (15 min.)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 60 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 60 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 60 hours

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**Researching Inequality and Diversity** Researching Inequality and Diversity
Module responsibility	Miquel Pellicer
Credit points	**12 CP**
Level	**Advanced**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory elective**
Requirements for participation	none
Duration of the module	One to two semester(s)
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: at least one seminar per semester Ideal typical assignment: **1. FS-3.FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research Export module for other degree programs, by arrangement
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing this module, students will be able to name and examine the causes and consequences of political and social inequality; name and critically question the main controversies and key players in dealing with diversity; formulate their own research questions and carry out smaller projects on topics of inequality and diversity.
Content (topic and contents)	The "Researching Inequality and Diversity" module provides students with in-depth knowledge of the causes and effects of social, political and economic inequalities and the significance of diversity in various social contexts. Students learn methodological skills to analyze and evaluate phenomena of inequality and diversity using qualitative and quantitative research approaches. Furthermore, the module provides knowledge of political science and sociological theories of inequality and the evaluation of strategies to promote equal opportunities and inclusion.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS) & Seminar (2 SWS)
Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English

Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** a) Presentation (individual or group presentation) − and b) Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Module examination:** a) Term paper (36,000-39,600 characters / − 20-22 pages) − or b) Learning portfolio (36,000-39,600 characters / 20-22 pages) − or c) Individual oral examination (15 min.)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 120 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 120 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 120 hours

Module name	
Englische Übersetzung	**Researching Digital Societies**
ggf. Modulkürzel	Digital Societies
Module responsibility	Isabelle Borucki
Credit Points	**12 CP**
Level	**Advanced**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory elective**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	One to two semester(s)
Frequency of the module; start	frequency: **at least one seminar per semester** Ideal typical assignment: **1. FS-3.FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research Export module for other study programs by arrangement
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module, students will be able to reproduce and discuss various approaches and theories on the effects of digitalization on politics and society. They will be able to apply theories and methods to a given topic and reflect on it critically. In addition, students learn to classify and interpret specific phenomena of digitalization and to analyze and present them in a methodologically sound manner. They can identify gaps in research and develop their own questions.
Content (topic and contents)	The "Researching Digital Societies" module provides in-depth knowledge of the theoretical and empirical approaches to the analysis of digitalization and its effects on politics and society. Topics such as the digitalization of work, digital inequalities, algorithmic governance, social media and their role in political discourse and the influence of digital technologies on democracy will be discussed. Students learn about various methodological approaches, such as computational social sciences and network analysis, applying these to their own questions.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS) & Seminar (2 SWS)

Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** a) Presentation (individual or group presentation) – and b) Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Module examination:** c) Term paper (36,000-39,600 characters / a) 20-22 pages) – or d) Learning portfolio (36,000-39,600 characters / b) 20-22 pages) – or e) Individual oral examination (15 min.)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 120 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 120 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 120 hours

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**Researching International Politics and Conflict** Researching International Politics & Conflict
Module responsibility	Eva Wegner
Credit points	**12 CP**
Level	**Advanced**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory elective**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	One to two semester(s)
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: at least one seminar per semester Ideal typical assignment: **1. FS-3.FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research Export module for other study programs by arrangement
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing this module, students will be able to analyze the dynamics and causes of international and local conflicts as well as the challenges of global politics by applying qualitative and quantitative research methods; use current research findings and case studies to make well-founded assessments of complex political situations and examine them scientifically; critically question and reflect on existing theories and strategies. They will be able to identify gaps in research and develop their own questions in this subject area.
Content (topic and contents)	The module "Researching International Politics and Conflict" provides students with comprehensive knowledge of the theories, dynamics and challenges of international politics, as well as the causes and consequences of local and global conflicts. Participants will acquire methodological skills to analyze international relations and conflicts by applying qualitative and quantitative research methods. By examining the latest research findings and case studies, participants learn how to analyze complex conflicts. In addition, the topics covered in the module promote students' ability to reflect on existing explanatory approaches.

Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar 2 SWS & Seminar 2 SWS
Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** a) Presentation (individual or group presentation) − and b) Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Module examination:** a) Term paper (36,000-39,600 characters / 20-22 pages) − or b) Learning portfolio (36,000-39,600 characters / − 20-22 pages) − or c) Individual oral examination (20-30 min.)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 120 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 120 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 120 hours

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**Research Project I** Research Project I
Module responsibility	Antje Röder
Credit points	**12 CP**
Level	**Specialization**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	One semester
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **annually in summer semester** Ideal typical assignment: **2. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing this module, students will be able to independently formulate relevant questions and summarize the current state of research; classify the question in an appropriate theoretical and methodological context; distinguish and evaluate competing explanatory approaches in theoretical and/or methodological terms and understand their logic analytically.
Content (topic and contents)	Students can combine a specialization of their thematic and methodological knowledge with a project. Projects are offered in line with the lecturers' current research projects and topics are in line with the subject areas of the compulsory elective modules.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS)
Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Examination:** a) Project outline (14,400-18,000 characters / 8-10 pages) (3 LP) − and

	b) Project report (36,000 - 39,600 characters / 20-22 pages) (9 LP)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 120 hours
	Preparation for and performance of coursework: 120 hours
	Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 120 hours
Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**Research Project II** Research Project II
Module responsibility	Antje Röder
Credit points	**12 CP**
Level	**Specialization**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	One semester
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **annually in winter semester** Ideal typical assignment: **3. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module, students will be able to evaluate how the results of the project work can be classified in relation to the current state of research, critically reflect on their own approach and argumentation and assess the advantages and disadvantages of competing explanatory approaches with regard to their research interest.
Content (topic and contents)	Students can combine a specialization of their subject-related and methodological knowledge with a project paper. Projects are offered in line with the lecturers' current research projects and topics are in line with the subject areas of the compulsory elective modules.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Seminar (2 SWS)
Teaching and learning form	Skills are acquired through the didactic approach of dialog-focused and problem-oriented learning, which requires regular and

	active participation in class, as well as intensive self-study.
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** Presentation (individual or group presentation) **Examination:** a) Project outline (14,400-18,000 characters / 8-10 pages) (3 LP) – and b) project report (36,000 - 39,600 characters / 20-22 pages) (9 LP)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 120 hours Preparation for and performance of coursework: 120 hours Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 120 hours
Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad I** International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad I
Module responsibility	Program manager
Credit points	**6 CP**
Level	**Advanced**
Degree of obligation	Compulsory elective
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	**One semester**
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **every semester (summer and winter)** Ideal typical assignment: **3. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing this module, students will be able to name current research questions in the social and political sciences and analyze the relevant literature. They will be able to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different methodological approaches to researching these issues. The module is

	carried out as part of the study abroad program.
Content (topic and contents)	The module is implemented as part of the study abroad program, which is why the foreign university determines the content.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Per the host university
Teaching and learning form	Per the host university
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Module examination:** Learning portfolio (36,000-39,600 characters / 22-22 pages)
Grading	Grades from the host university will be converted based on the specifications of the examination committee.
Amount of work	180 hours (allocation determined by the university offering the course)

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad II** International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad II
Module responsibility	Program manager
Credit points	**6 CP**
Level	**Specialization**
Degree of obligation	Compulsory elective
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	**One semester**
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **every semester (summer and winter)** Ideal typical assignment: **3. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing this module, students will be able to name current research questions in the social and political sciences with reference to the country in which they are studying abroad. They will be able to analyze and classify the relevant research literature and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different methodological approaches to researching these issues. The module is carried out as part of the study abroad program.
Content (topic and contents)	The module is implemented as part of the study abroad program, which is why the foreign university determines the content.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Per the host university
Teaching and learning form	Per the host university
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Module examination:** Learning portfolio (39,600-45,000 characters / 22-22 pages)
Grading	Grades from the host university will be converted based on the specifications of the examination committee.
Amount of work	180 hours (allocation according to the offering university)

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad III** International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad III
Module responsibility	Program manager
Credit Points	**6 CP**
Level	**Specialization**
Degree of obligation	Compulsory elective
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	**One semester**
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **every semester (summer and winter)** Ideal typical assignment: **3. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module at an international partner university, students will have acquired in-depth knowledge of sociology, political science or methods that are not offered at Marburg University and that are related to the country in which they are studying abroad. After completing the module, students will be able to name current and emerging topics in social and political sciences from their country of residence. They will be able to analyze theories and empirical methods used in these fields of research and evaluate which theories and research designs are suitable for which questions. They develop intercultural competence both by working in an international environment and bengaging with research fields with an international dimension.
Content (topic and contents)	The module is implemented as part of the study abroad program, which is why the foreign university determines the content.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Per the host university
Teaching and learning form	Per the host university
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Module examination:** Learning portfolio (39,600-45,000 characters / 22-22 pages)

Grading	Grades from the host university will be converted based on the specifications of the examination committee.
Amount of work	180 hours (allocation according to the offering university)

Module name Englische Übersetzung ggf. Modulkürzel	**International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad IV** International Political and Social Science Research – study abroad IV
Module responsibility	Program manager
Credit points	**6 CP**
Level	**Specialization**
Degree of obligation	Compulsory elective
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	**One semester**
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **every semester (summer and winter)** Ideal typical frequency: **3. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module at an international partner university, students will have acquired in-depth knowledge of sociology, political science or methods that are not offered at Marburg University and that are related to the country in which they are studying abroad. After completing the module, students will be able to name current and emerging topics in social and political sciences from their country of residence. They will be able to analyze theories and empirical methods used in these fields of research and evaluate which theories and research designs are suitable for which questions. They develop intercultural competence both by working in an international environment and by engaging with research fields with an international dimension.
Content (topic and contents)	The module is implemented as part of the study abroad program, which is why the foreign university determines the content.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Per the host university
Teaching and learning form	Per the host university
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Module examination:** Learning portfolio (39,600-45,000 characters / 22-22 pages)

Grading	Grades from the host university will be converted based on the specifications of the examination committee.
Amount of work	180 hours (allocation according to the offering university)

Module name	
Englische Übersetzung	**Research Internship**
ggf. Modulkürzel	Research Internship

Module responsibility	Program manager
Credit Points	**12 CP**
Level	**Practical**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements for participation	None
Duration of the module	**One semester**
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **every semester (summer and winter)** Ideal typical assignment: **3. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	In this module, students gain practical experience. After completing the module, you will be able to name professional fields of application in social and political science research and critically reflect on your own professional perspectives. They will be able to work in teams in researchrelated contexts, define their own role and plan and carry out projects.
Content (topic and contents)	As part of a research internship, students can combine the specialization in their thematic and methodological expertise with practical application. Various specializations are possible, from conceiving and preparing research projects (e.g., research of literature, proposal writing) to data collection (e.g., field access, questionnaire design, training of interviewers, conducting group discussions and interviews) and evaluation (e.g., statistical analyses, qualitative content analysis) or reporting (e.g., research reports, science communication, media work).
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Research internship of at least 280 hours (usually in 8 weeks)
Teaching and learning form	Research internship of at least 280 hours (usually in 8 weeks)
Language of teaching and examination	English (individually, German and other languages are also possible)

Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Module examination:** a) Internship report (approx. 10,800 characters / 6 pages) – or b) Oral presentation (individual exam 15 min. or group exam 30 min.) ungraded module
Grading	This module is not graded
Amount of work	Research internship: 280 hours Preparation and creation of the exam paper: 80 hours

Module name	
Englische Übersetzung	**Master Thesis**
ggf. Modulkürzel	Master Thesis
Module responsibility	Program manager
Credit points	**24 CP**
Level	**Final**
Degree of obligation	**Compulsory**
Requirements for participation	60 LP completed
Duration of the module	**One semester**
Frequency of the module; start	Frequency: **every semester (summer and winter)**
	Ideal typical assignment: **4. FS**
Usability of the module	M.A. International Political and Social Science Research
Qualification objectives (skills)	After completing the module, students will be able to develop and implement a social science research design, apply methods and reflect on the research process as well as structure a scientific argument and follow the standards of scientific work.
Content (topic and contents)	Students develop their own research project and thus deepen the knowledge they have already acquired of academic, scientific and scholarly work by applying it independently to a topic of their choice.
Type of course (format after KapVO, SWS)	Colloquium (2 SWS)
Teaching and learning form	Independent work on the master's thesis under the supervision of a lecturer
	Regular discussions in the colloquium
Language of teaching and examination	English
Requirements for awarding ECTS credit points (Type of examination, extent, duration, processing time)	**Coursework:** Individual oral presentation
	Examination: Master's thesis (72,000 - 108,000 characters / 40-60 pages)
Grading	Module grading per § 28 AB (Master)
Amount of work	Preparation, follow-up and class attendance: 60 hours
	Preparation for and performance of coursework: 90 hours

	Preparation for and implementation of the examination for the module: 570 hours